

House Bill 1413

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school disciplinary tribunals, so as to require that the same disciplinary hearing officer, panel, or tribunal of school officials conduct a disciplinary hearing for each student in incidents involving two or more students and that no punishment be imposed until all hearings are conducted; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Subpart 2 of Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public school disciplinary tribunals, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-752, relating to establishment of disciplinary hearing officers, panels or tribunals for imposition of suspension or expulsion, as follows:

"20-2-752.

Local boards of education may establish by policy, rule, or regulation disciplinary hearing officers, panels, or tribunals of school officials to impose suspension or expulsion. If such hearing officers, panels, or tribunals are established, such rules and regulations must include the following:

(1) Provisions governing the manner of selecting the hearing officers or members of the panels or tribunals and the number of members thereof;

(2) Provisions governing procedures to be followed by such hearing officers, panels, or tribunals in fact-finding, hearings, and reporting recommendations to the local board;

(3) Provisions requiring that if a single incident involves two or more students, the same hearing officer, panel, or tribunal shall conduct the hearing for each student involved and shall not impose a punishment on any involved students until all hearings have been conducted;

